



Presentation: 2017 Energy Challenge

Alexander Robinson Elementary students Carter and Nick presented to the board about their school's energy generation and energy conservation awareness raising campaign. The initiatives included an electricity generating bike, blanket day, a hands-on opportunity to learn about water-powered turbines, as well as a renewed focus on the school's recycling program. The campaign encouraged all Alexander Robinson students to use and reuse, and earned the school a win in the district-wide Energy Challenge.

Presentation: Maple Ridge Teachers' Association (MRTA) Social Justice Committee

Teachers on the MRTA Social Justice Committee presented a draft multiculturalism policy to the board, outlining the ways in which this policy might align with existing school district values and structures. Board Chair Murray advised the presenters that the proposed draft policy has been added to the Board Policy Development work plan as part of the Safe and Caring Schools Policy review. The review of existing policies will be done once all policies under review have been updated.

School Fees and Specialty Academy Fees Schedules

The board approved the proposed Secondary School Fees Schedule and Academy Fees Schedule for the 2017/18 school year. Both schedules are available for review on the district website in the May 17, 2017 agenda package, <http://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/board-meeting-agendas>.

2017/18 Board of Education Regular Public Board Meetings

The board adopted the following regular public board meeting schedule for the 2017/18 school year:

September 20, 2017	February 21, 2018
October 18, 2017	March 7, 2018
November 15, 2017	April 11, 2018
December 6, 2017	April 25, 2018
January 24, 2018	May 16, 2018
February 7, 2018	June 20, 2018

Change to June 21 Board Meeting Start Time

The June 21, 2017 public board meeting time was moved from 6 pm to 1 pm to ensure trustees and staff are able to attend a graduation ceremony.

Alouette River Campus Disposal of Real Property

The board adopted the Alouette River Campus Disposal of Real Property Bylaw. The bylaw and other supporting documentation will be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval. Once approval is received, the site will be offered for sale or long term lease.

Financial Statements

The board approved the Third Quarter Financial Statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2017, and approved the transfer of all available operating surplus (currently estimated at \$0.93 million) to contingency reserve – local capital.

Board Authorized Approved Courses

The board approved the following two Board Authorized Approved Courses: Food Studies-Baking 10-12 at Thomas Haney Secondary; Bicycle Maintenance and Repairs 11/12 at Outreach Alternate Secondary.

Westview Secondary School and Inclusion

Katie MacLeod with Westview Learning Services presented to the board about the work Westview Secondary has been doing in the area of inclusion. Ms. MacLeod noted the school uses a number of different strategies to support students with special needs, including using flex time to connect support teachers with students, and focusing on purposeful course selection. This was the first year of the full inclusion program, which has been a success at the school.

2016 Carbon Neutral Action Report

Manager Alexandra Tudose presented the 2016 Carbon Neutral Action Report to the board. Highlights from the report included projects completed as part of the Board's Energy Management Plan and the Pilot Organics Program. Plans to continue reducing greenhouse gas emissions in 2017 include the replacement and retrofit of existing lighting in 11 school district facilities, and school-based energy conservation workshops aimed at ensuring that students have an active role in reducing energy consumption in the school district. The full 2016 Carbon Neutral Action Report is available on the district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/energy-environmental-sustainability>.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Russell updated the board on various school events and activities.

Alternate Programs 2017/18

Superintendent Russell updated the board about the placement of district alternate programs for September 2017, noting that the new sites will improve accessibility to high school programs, including trades and electives. For September 2017, alternate program locations are as follows: Connex at the Arthur Peake Centre; Re-Connex at Maple Ridge Secondary Annex; Storefront at Thomas Haney Secondary; and Outreach at Maple Ridge Secondary Annex.

Energy Management Plan Year 2 Update

Alexandra Tudose presented to the board about the school district's progress on the Energy Management Plan. Since the start of the program, the school district has completed 26 energy upgrades with an estimated ongoing energy savings of \$0.35 million. The full report is available on the district website at <http://www.sd42.ca/energy-environmental-sustainability>.

Naming of New Elementary School in the Albion Area

The school district will be requesting feedback on potential names for the new school in the Albion area of Maple Ridge, scheduled to be opened in September 2019. The following three names are being considered, with an invitation to suggest alternate names that align with district *Policy 6600 - Naming of School Facilities*: James Sinclair Elementary School, Baker Elementary School, and Spencer Creek Elementary School. An online survey is available at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6995T7D> and will remain open until 4 pm, Friday, June 9, 2017.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees congratulated trustee Lisa Beare on being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly; trustee Carr spoke about the district Clam Chowder Challenge and district public speeches, and mentioned also the resource fair on May 23; trustee Carreras recognized international day against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia, and also spoke about the upcoming graduation ceremonies; trustee Murray spoke about the Kanaka Creek Watershed Stewardship Center as a great educational resource.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 1 pm on June 21, 2017 at the District Education Office.